

Table 3-3
Absence rates for full-time employees by occupation and sex — Females, 2008 ¹

	Incidence			Inactivity rate			Days lost per worker in year		
	Total	Illness or disability	Personal or family responsibilities	Total	Illness or disability	Personal or family responsibilities	Total	Illness or disability	Personal or family responsibilities
	percent			percent			days		
Management	7.5	5.0	2.5	3.0	2.4	0.7	7.6	5.9	1.7
Business, finance and administrative	10.5	7.3	3.2	4.4	3.5	0.9	10.9	8.7	2.2
Business professionals	8.0	5.6	2.4	3.2	2.4	0.8	7.9	6.0	1.9
Administrative	9.3	6.3	3.0	3.7	2.9	0.8	9.2	7.2	2.0
Clerical	11.8	8.2	3.6	5.0	4.1	1.0	12.6	10.2	2.4
Natural and applied sciences	10.8	7.4	3.4	4.0	3.2	0.9	10.1	7.9	2.2
Health	11.4	9.2	2.2	6.7	5.9	0.8	16.8	14.7	2.1
Health professional	8.4	6.5	F	4.4	3.6	F	11.1	9.0	F
Nursing	12.4	10.2	2.1	7.7	6.8	0.9	19.2	16.9	2.3
Technical occupations in health	10.9	8.5	2.4	6.0	5.2	0.8	15.1	13.0	2.1
Support staff in health	11.6	9.5	2.2	6.8	6.1	0.8	17.1	15.2	1.9
Social and public service	10.5	7.7	2.8	4.6	3.6	1.0	11.4	9.0	2.4
Legal, social and religious workers	11.0	8.1	2.9	4.8	3.9	0.9	12.1	9.7	2.3
Teachers and professors	10.0	7.3	2.7	4.3	3.3	1.0	10.9	8.3	2.6
Secondary and elementary teachers	10.5	7.6	2.9	4.4	3.4	1.1	11.1	8.4	2.7
Other teachers and professors	8.3	5.9	F	4.0	3.1	F	10.1	7.9	F
Culture and recreation	9.7	6.8	2.9	4.4	3.3	1.1	11.0	8.2	2.8
Sales and service	8.9	6.6	2.3	4.4	3.6	0.9	11.1	9.0	2.1
Wholesale	7.7	5.2	2.5	3.1	2.5	0.6	7.7	6.2	1.6
Retail	8.3	6.1	2.2	4.1	3.2	0.9	10.3	8.0	2.3
Food and beverage	7.4	5.6	1.9	4.0	3.2	0.8	10.1	8.1	2.0
Protective services	11.1	8.4	F	6.4	5.2	F	16.1	13.0	F
Childcare and home support	11.4	8.2	3.2	5.1	4.1	1.0	12.8	10.2	2.6
Travel and accommodation	10.1	7.7	2.4	5.2	4.3	0.8	12.9	10.8	2.1
Trades, transport and equipment operators	12.2	8.8	3.4	6.2	5.1	1.0	15.4	12.9	2.6
Contractors and supervisors	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Construction trades	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Other trades	10.0	7.2	F	4.4	3.8	F	11.1	9.5	F
Transportation equipment operators	15.0	11.1	F	8.2	6.8	F	20.6	17.1	F
Helpers and labourers	13.0	10.0	F	7.1	6.2	F	17.8	15.4	F
Occupations unique to primary industry	9.9	6.2	F	5.6	4.4	F	14.1	11.0	F
Occupations unique to production	11.7	8.7	3.0	6.4	5.6	0.8	16.1	14.0	2.1
Machine operators and assemblers	12.1	8.8	3.2	6.7	5.8	0.9	16.7	14.6	2.1
Labourers	10.6	8.1	2.5	5.7	4.9	0.8	14.3	12.3	2.0

1. Excluding maternity leave.